



September 30, 2002

To: Persons Interested in Large Wind Energy Conversion Systems Projects on Buffalo Ridge

RE: Public Information Meeting on Application by enXco, Inc., for a Large Wind Energy Conversion System to be Built in Pipestone and Murray Counties (MEQB Docket # 02-45-LWECS-enXco)

The Minnesota Environmental Quality Board will hold a public information meeting on a development proposal by enXco to build up to a 87 megawatt (MW) large wind energy conversion system in Pipestone and Murray counties.

Public Information Meeting

The public meeting will take place at **7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, October 23, 2002**, at the **Lake Wilson American Legion, 137 Broadway Avenue, Lake Wilson, Minnesota**. Staff of the Minnesota Environmental Quality Board and representatives of enXco will be at the meeting to describe the project and answer questions.

Project Information

The proposed 87 MW development will consist of up to 58 turbines. The turbines will be either the GE Wind 1.5 MW or the Micon 1.5 MW wind turbine mounted on freestanding tubular towers. The height of each tower will be 65 to 80 meters (213 to 262 feet) in height. Each turbine blade is approximately 116 feet long. The rotor diameter is approximately 231 feet across. Other components of the project include pad-mounted transformers, class 5 gravel access roads, underground electric energy collection system, and communication cables. The feeder lines will deliver the electric energy to NSP's Chanarambie Substation, in Section 6 of Chanarambie Township, in Murray County.

Proposed Location

As shown on the accompanying map, the proposed project is located in portions of Rock, Burke and Osborne townships in Pipestone County. In Murray County, the project will include portions of Cameron, Chanarambie and Moulton townships.

EQB Site Permit Review Process

enXco filed a site permit application for the 87 MW LWECS project on August 23, 2002, which the EQB vice chair accepted on September 23. A draft site permit is available on request from the EQB. The EQB will review the enXco site permit application for the

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proposed 87 MW project under the Wind Siting Act (Minnesota Statutes, sections 116C.691 - 116C.697) and the EQB wind permitting rules (Minn. Rules, Chapter 4401).

Upon completion of the review requirements, the chair will bring the record of this matter to the board for a final decision.

Public Comments

The Minnesota Environmental Quality Board has prepared a draft site permit for the proposed development. A copy of the draft site permit will be available for review at the public meeting. A copy will also be available on the EQB's Web page at: www.mnplan.state.mn.us/eqb/EnergyFacilities/wind.html

Interested persons may comment on the draft site permit at the public meeting, or may submit written comments by November 8, 2002, to Larry Hartman, 300 Centennial Bldg., 658 Cedar St., St. Paul, MN 55155; 651-296-5089 or 1-800-657-3794; fax: 651-296-3698; e-mail: larry.hartman@state.mn.us

Public Advisor

The EQB has designated John Hynes as public advisor to assist and advise citizens on how to participate in the site permit process. He may be contacted at 651-296-2871 or e-mail: john.hynes@state.mn.us and at the EQB mailing address.

enXco: Questions about enXco's application should be directed to Miesche Francis at 651-770-1500 or e-mail: mmfrancis@terracon.com

Hearing Request

Any person may request a contested case hearing on a site permit application for a large wind energy conversion system. All contested case hearing requests must be filed with Larry Hartman (address above) in writing by 4:30 p.m. on Friday, November 8. The person requesting the public hearing must list the issues to be addressed in the hearing and the reasons why a hearing is required to resolve those issues. The chair shall order a contested case hearing if the chair finds that a material issue of fact has been raised and that the holding of the hearing will aid the EQB in making a final decision on the site permit application. The chair may refer the request for a contested case hearing to the board for a determination.

Other Background Information

Copies of the enXco site permit application have been distributed to affected landowners, and township, county and state officials. Copies of the application are available for review at the Auditor's Office in Murray and Pipestone counties and the city office at Lake Wilson, Woodstock and Chandler. The EQB's wind permitting rules and the draft site permit are available for review at the places identified above. All documents will be available on the EQB Web site: www.mnplan.state.mn.us/eqb/EnergyFacilities/wind.html

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